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HOUSE AMENDMENT "G" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1943, L.D. 2022, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Funding of Education."

Amend the Amendment on page 2 by inserting in the 9th line of that part of the amendment relating to "§4744." before the abbreviation and words "; and by" the following: '; and by striking out all of paragraph K of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following: 'K. Costs of reimbursement for nonpublic school student service reimbursement;'

Further amend the Amendment on page 3 by striking out in the 8th, 9th and 10th lines of that part of the amendment relating to "§4745." the following: "and by striking out in the next to the last line of paragraph A of subsection 2 (same in L.D.) the underlined words "and leases";" and inserting in their place the following:

'and by striking out all of paragraph A of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'A. The requested funding levels for section 4744, subsection 1, paragraph C; paragraph D, subparagraph (1); and paragraph E; nonpublic school student service reimbursement costs under paragraph F; and the insured value factor and leases under paragraph G shall be the actual costs for the base year.'

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Further amend the Amendment by inserting at the end of the 8th paragraph the following:

'F. The requested funding level for section 4744, subsection 1, paragraph K, shall be computed by adding the actual cost for the first half of the year prior to the year of allocation to the total estimated cost that will be incurred for the 2nd half of that year.'

Further amend the Amendment on pages 10 and 11 by striking out all of subsections 6 and 7 of that part of the amendment relating to "§4750." and inserting in their place the following:

'6. Nonpublic school student service reimbursement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the commissioner shall reimburse 90% of the expenditures of the year prior to the year of allocation as reported by the municipal officers on forms provided by the commissioner for providing any of the services to nonpublic school pupils authorized by Title 30, section 5104, subsections 5 through 9, provided the students attend nonpublic schools that are not operated for profit in whole or in part. These expenditures shall be computed by adding the actual costs for the first half of that year to the total estimated costs that will be incurred for the 2nd half of that year as reported by any municipality for providing any of the services to nonpublic school pupils authorized by Title 30, section 5104, subsections 5 through 9, provided the students attend nonpublic schools that are not operated

for profit in whole or in part. A municipality shall be limited to 90% of the estimated costs, as adjusted by the commissioner, or 90% of the actual expenditure, whichever is less. The total amount reimbursed under this section shall not exceed the level of funds appropriated for this item under section 4747, subsection 11. The municipal officers shall submit documentation demonstrating the amount of money appropriated for nonpublic school student services for the year of reimbursement. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to assure that all sums reimbursed were utilized and actually expended for programs authorized pursuant to Title 30, section 5104, subsections 5 through 9, that no municipality receives reimbursement under this section for any student who attends a nonpublic school at public expense and that all services provided to nonpublic school students that require professional personnel be provided by persons who are qualified.'

Further amend the Amendment on page 12 by striking out in the first line of the first paragraph the underlined figure "9." and inserting in its place the underlined figure '8.'

Further amend the Amendment on page 12 by striking out all of the last 2 lines of the first paragraph and inserting in their place the following:
'subsection 9; and by renumbering subsection 8 to be subsection 9.'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that reimbursement will be at 90% of the expenditures of the year prior to the year of allocation for providing services to nonpublic school pupils.

The amendment also provides that diagnostic psychological services will be included in the services which are reimbursable.

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